

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have added new claims 12 and 13, which are the pending claims.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority. Submitted herewith is the certified copy of the priority document, JP 2000-018480. An indication that the priority document has been received would be appreciated.

Drawings

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's approval of drawings filed on January 24, 2001.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of PTO-1449 Form filed on January 24, 2001.

**35 U.S.C. §102**

The 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection of claims 1-11 as being anticipated by Knight et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,289,375 has been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 12 and 13 are not anticipated or rendered obvious by Knight or any of the remainder of the art of record.

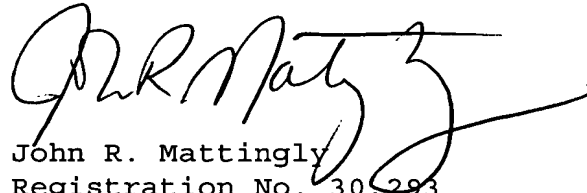
Specifically, Knight is relied upon for disclosing an information processing system having a plurality of host systems each having resources including instruction processors and memory segments. However, the present invention is directed to resource allocation among host systems constituting a hot standby system, wherein the resource for a spare previously reserved can be enhanced and used by the current host system. Knight discloses a distributed storage network management program that manages a network of storage devices, which may be attached to multiple host computer systems. However, Knight does not disclose reserving the resources with a table indicating assignment information of each of the resources, in which the reserved resources are automatically assigned to the other host system

constituting a hot standby system by writing in the table after the hot standby system is switched. Accordingly, claims 12 and 13 are patentable over Knight.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination is requested.

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